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In re Application of

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For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO DATA STORAGE

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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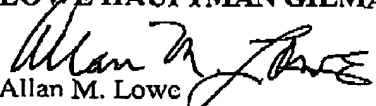
Sir:

Applicant responds to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance by noting that the Reasons set forth only one or some of the features of the independent claims. These features are in combination with other features of the independent claims and in combination with features of dependent claims. Further, claim 27 is not limited to processing circuitry that is arranged to occupy a state. The detecting step of claim 27 need not be performed by processing circuitry.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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